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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Page 6, Lines 10-20 with the following:

Unpublished French patent applications no. 02 07008 of 07/06/2002, 02 09670 of 30/07/2002, 03 50190 of 28/05/2003 and 03[1] 50641 of 03/10/03 relate to novel water-soluble amphiphilic polyamino acids comprising aspartic units and/or glutamic units, in which at least some of these units carry hydrophobic grafts. Like the hydrophobically modified polyamino acids disclosed in patent application WO-A-00/30618, these novel polymer starting materials spontaneously form, in an aqueous liquid medium, colloidal suspensions of nanoparticles which can be used for the prolonged release of AP (insulin). They are biocompatible and biodegradable and proteins, particularly therapeutic proteins, absorb spontaneously onto these nanoparticles without undergoing chemical modification or denaturation.

Please replace Page 7, Lines 17-19 with the following:

French patent application no. 03[1] 50641 discloses anionic, amphiphilic linear homopolyamino acids comprising aspartic units or glutamic units, the ends of which carry hydrophobic groups containing from 8 to 30 carbon atoms.

Please replace Page 10, Lines 27-30 with the following:

The release time of the AP is significantly increased compared with that of the formulations of the prior art, particularly those described in published PCT application WO-A-00/30618 and unpublished French patent applications no. 02 07008, 02 09670, 03 50190 and 03[1] 50641.